agencies/departments, as it involves inter-governmental and inter-ministerial coordination.

Soyabean Production

†1532. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of soyabean in the country; if so, the percentage of the production of Madhya Pradesh out of the total production;

(b) whether Government are going to open a soyabean research center in Vidisha or some other soyabean producer district of Madhya Pradesh in view of the increasing importance of soyabean and its heavy production in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; whether it will be considered in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of soyabean contributing about 64% to the total production of soyabean in the country.

(b) and (c) The National Research Centre on Soyabean (NRCS) under I.C.A.R. is located at Indore in Madhya Pradesh. Besides this, a coordinating unit of All India Coordinated Research Project on Soyabean is also located at National Research Centre on Soyabean, Indore. The other Research Centres under the All India Coordinated Research Project located in Madhya Pradesh are Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Sehore and Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Jabalpur. During the Ninth Plan, another center at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Raipur has also been approved for Soyabean research in Madhya Pradesh.

Cotton Development Programme

1533. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Intensive Cotton Development programme is being implemented in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas which have been covered under the programme;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) details of the funds released to the State under the programme during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) results achieved therefrom with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) In order to increase the yield of cotton the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme in cotton growing States including Maharashtra through the State Governments. The scheme covers all cotton growing areas of the State and expenditure is mostly shared by Government of India and the implementing States on 75:25 basis. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for the transfer of technology through field demonstration, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstration and training of farmers and extension workers. Besides assistance is given for the use of critical inputs such as delinted seeds of newer varieties, sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agent, sprinkler/drip irrigation system etc.

(c) The funds released to the State of Maharashtra during the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount released (Rs. Lakh)
1996-97	292.00
1997-98	284.00
1998-99	307.00

(d) The achievements in the important components of the scheme in the State of Maharashtra over the last three years against the targets, are as under:

Components	Target	Achievement
Seed distribution (Quintals)	21676	19749
Field demonstration (Hectares)	26560	28906
IPM Demonstration (Number)	3350	3359
Supply of Sprayers (Number)	37583	44956
Supply of Sprinklers (Numbers of sets)	2584	2255
Farmers Training (Number)	388	370

The scheme has been satisfactorily implemented in the State of Maharashtra.